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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO POSITION REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO
SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED WITH ERNEST LEE, DIRECTOR
AFL-CIO DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THE STATE-
MENT OF GEORGE MEANY REGARDING HIS SUPPORT FOR U.S.
POLICY IN VIETNAM MADE ON DICK CAVETT SHOW DECEMBER 19.
THIS IS STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN JOHN HERLING
LABOR LETTER, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS, MR. LEE STATED THAT
AFL-CIO CONTINUES TO GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE FREE
TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CONTINUES
TO HAVE STRONG FAITH IN THE PROGRESS AND FUTURE OF FREE
INSTITUTIONS AND DEMOCRACY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

3. THERE IS NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION BEYOND THAT WHICH
LEE STATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

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SHOULD CVT PRESIDENT BUU SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY
MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT HE CONTACT MEANY DIRECTLY SINCE
BOTH ARE OLD FRIENDS. BROWN

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